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LONG LIVE THE KING!
LONG LIVE THE HULK -- KING OF CHAOS! LORD OF THE NEW ORDER OF DISORDER THAT SWEEPS ACROSS THE WORLD!
HE LEADS THE WAY IN THE DESTRUCTION OF CORPORATE TYRANNY! THE LIBERATION OF NATURAL MAN! HIS DESTINY IS FULFILLED!
AND HE'S HAVING THE TIME OF HIS LIFE!
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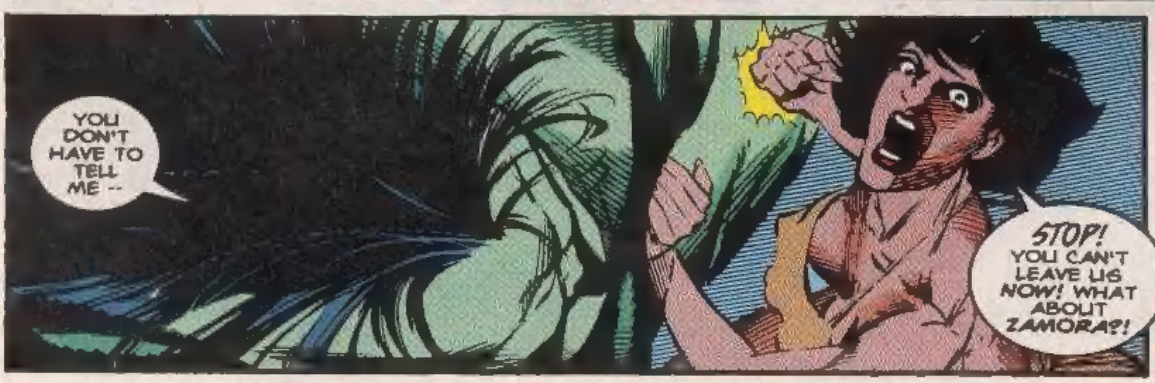
IT'S THE CYBERSHAMAN, L.A.'s LATEST VIRTUAL GURU TALKING.
IT'S YOURS, HULK. KINGSHIP. I'M HOLDING IT OUT TO YOU. ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS GRAB IT.
CAN'T BLOCK OUT HIS VOICE. CAN'T STOP SEEING WHAT HE'S DESCRIBING.
YOU'VE BEEN FIGHTING TYRANNY AND CORRUPTION IN L.A. WELL, SOON THERE'LL BE NO L.A. THERE'LL BE ONLY CHAOS!
CAN'T STOP WANTING IT.
EVEN NOW I AM REWEAVING THE MYSTICAL PATTERNS OF THE ELECTROMAGNETIC FIELDS THAT MAKE UP THE CYBERREALITY OF THIS END-OF-THE-CENTURY, END-OF-HUMANITY WORLD!
STEREO
PUMPS
LADIES
IKE
POLICE

PICTURE IT, HULK: EVERYTHING OUR CORPORATE MASTERS HAVE BEEN HOLDING BACK -- UNLEASHED! SECURITY THUGS SUDDENLY POWERLESS! REBELS TAKING BACK THE STREETS!
URCHINS ON THE RAMPAGE!
SOMETHING STINKS HERE...
CLOTHES HOUSE
HATS
AND YOU CAN LEAD IT, HULK! YOU CAN BE THEIR BIG, NASTY ROLE MODEL!
OR IS JUST THE CORP-FLACK I USED TO BE MAKING ME THINK IT STINKS?

ISN'T THIS WHAT I WANT?
WE'D HAVE THIS DIRTY, CROOKED CITY IN OUR HANDS BY NIGHTFALL!
AND THINK OF THE BATTLES! THINK OF THE CRUSHING BLOWS YOU COULD STRIKE AGAINST A ROTTEN CIVILIZATION THAT'S NEVER DONE ANYTHING BUT ENSLAVE AND CORRUPT YOU!
LOOK, HULK! MY HUMAN TRIBE BEGINS THE ASSAULT! SECURITY CORP MERCENARIES FALL WHEN THEY'RE CUT OFF FROM CYBERSPACE!
BUT THINK HOW MUCH MORE THEY COULD DO WITH YOU FIGHTING BESIDE THEM!


YOU DON'T HAVE TO TELL ME --
STOP! YOU CAN'T LEAVE US NOW! WHAT ABOUT ZAMORA?!

ZAM...ORA..?
BUT THAT'S HOW IT *MUST* BE! OUR BUREAUCRATIC PABLUM-PEDDLERS TRY TO TAKE ALL THE *BLOOD* AND *CHANCE* OUT OF LIFE!
THEY KEEP PEOPLE ALIVE WHO SHOULD BE DEAD AND STICK THEM IN LITTLE CORPORATE NICHES!
WHEN YOUR FRIEND IN THE *MASK* SHUT DOWN ALL THE ELECTRONICS, ZAMORA'S *LIFE-CHAIR* CONKED!
HIS *INJURIES* COULD *KILL* HIM!
THE *NEW AGE* BELONGS TO THE *STRONG*!
THE... STRONG...
THE STRONG
IT'S *NATURE'S* WAY, HULK -- THE *STRONG*!
YOU CAN'T JOIN THE SHAMAN!
HULK NOOO!
UNH-UH, SWEETHEART! HULK YES! HA HA HA --

HUH?!
THUMP
CYBERSHAMAN!
SHAKXX
YOU SAID HE WOULD BE ON OUR SIDE!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, HULK? I'M SETTING YOU LOOSE AGAINST THE CORPORATE TYRANTS!
I DON'T WANT TO BE KING -- I WANT TO SET PEOPLE FREE! AND I DON'T MEAN FREE TO TRADE THE DICTATORSHIP OF DATA FOR THE DICTATORSHIP OF VIOLENCE! DIG?
HE'S NOT JOINING US AT ALL!
KILL THE TRAITOR!
SO YOU CAN BE ANOTHER KIND OF TYRANT, CYBER-SUCKER?
SETTIN' FREE MEANS BUILDING A NEW WAY OF MAKING THE WORLD WORK -- BEFORE WE TEAR THE OLD ONE DOWN!

WELL, SO MUCH FOR POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY.
MAYBE YOU CAN UNDERSTAND THIS.
WHUDD
GYARRR!
SPLACH

NOW... LET'S PUT A LITTLE SANITY BACK INTO THIS TOWN.
THINK YOU CAN, HULK? COME UP HIGH -- AND SEE WHAT I SEE!
YAAAA!

WHAT ARE YOU PULLING, GHAMAN?
WHAT ARE THOSE EXPLOSIONS I --
NO!
DID YOU REALLY THINK IT WAS JUST MY LITTLE PACK OF TRIBESMEN, HULK? THIS CITY IS COMING APART!
MY ELECTROMYSTICISM HAS DISSOLVED THE DATA-WEB THAT HOLDS IT TOGETHER! NULLIFIED EVERY SYSTEM THAT MAKES SURVEILLANCE AND SECURITY POSSIBLE!
THE DISORDER HAS BEGUN ITS TIDAL SWEEP -- AND FROM HERE IT WILL SPREAD OVER CALIFORNIA, AMERICA, AND ALL THE WAY TO TIMBUKTU! NO MAN CAN STOP IT NOW -- NOT EVEN A BIG, UGLY GREEN ONE!
IT'S THE RAGE OF URBAN MAN UNLEASHED! COMING SOON TO A STREET CORNER NEAR YOU!

SHOW YOURSELF, SHAMAN! ARE YOU AFRAID TO GIVE ME ANYTHING BUT THAT HOLOGRAM FRONT?
WHERE [illegible] I, HULK? WHY I'M JUST LIKE THE CYBERVERSE ITSELF! I'M EVERYWHERE. ALL AT ONCE!
I STILL [illegible] YOU TO [illegible] MY REVOLUTION FOR ME, HULKIE.
TAKE A FLYING [illegible] SHAMAN!
YEAH BUT SOMEWHERE HE'S GOT A BRAIN AN OPERATOR A PIECE OF MASTER HARDWARE
SOME THING
IN THAT CASE, I'LL JUST [illegible] TO LET [illegible] REVOLUTION DESTROY [illegible] WORLD AROUND YOU.
BUT HEY, YOU CAN'T STOP [illegible] CAN YOU, HULK?
"DESTROY YOUR WHOLE WORLD"
THERE'S SOMEBODY ELSE WHOSE WORLD IS BEING DESTROYED BY THIS TOO SOMEBODY WHO'S MORE ATTACHED TO THIS WORLD THAN I AM. THAT'S WHO I'VE GOTTA SEE.

EVEN IF IT MAKES ME SICK TO KNOW I THOUGHT OF IT!
FRACK
I KNOW I REALLY SHOULD HAVE MADE AN APPOINTMENT...
...BUT THIS IS KIND OF URGENT.
I WANT D.R.A.C.O.!
N-NO! HE'LL HURT ME! THERE'S NOTHING YOU COULD DO THAT WOULD BE AS BAD AS HE COULD --
PLEASE. THERE'S NO NEED TO DEAL WITH UNDER-LINGS.

TO WHAT DO I [redacted] THIS HONOR... MY VERDANT FRIEND?
CUT THE DRELK, DRACO!
I'M WISHING I WERE HERE TO CRACK YOUR UGLY HEAD LIKE A SILICONE EGG! BUT I'M NOT, POOR ME!
YOU'VE GOTTA BE GOING CRAZY WITH THIS CYBERSHAMAN WRECKING THE CITY YOU'VE BEEN TRYING TO TAKE OVER. AM I RIGHT?
DON'T ALL YOUR COMPLICATED LITTLE PLANS DEPEND ON MANAGING DATA AND ORDER? KEEPING THE CORP-WORLD RUNNING SO YOU CAN USE IT?
WELL, I'M THE ONE GUY WHO CAN BEAT THAT CY-PUNK CULT-FREAK. BUT ONLY IF I CAN FIND HIM!
AND I'M BETTING YOU'RE THE ONE GUY WHO CAN TRACE HIM!

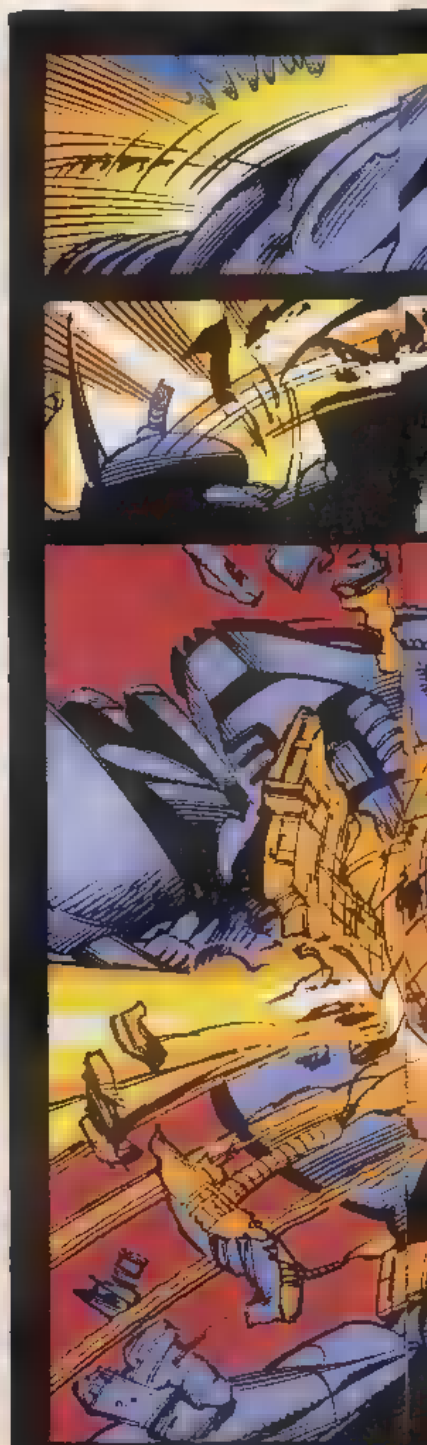
Ah. I SEE.
WELL, YES... WITH MY ABILITY TO INTERFACE THE DATANET I [redacted] CAN ISOLATE HIS LOCATION. AND I'LL TELL YOU... ON ONE CONDITION.
[redacted] THIS CITY AND LET ME TAKE CONTROL OF MY PROPERTY AT LOTUSLAND STUDIOS!
SO... THAT'S THE DEAL, HUH?
TOO BAD, DRACO. 'CAUSE IN THE LESSER OF TWO EVILS COMPETITION, YOU LOSE!
MAYBE I'LL GO SEE IF THAT JOB [redacted] STILL OPEN -- AS KING OF CHAOS!
WAIT!!
AS YOU NO DOUBT REALIZE... ALTHOUGH I MAY FIND THE CYBERSHAMAN, I CANNOT STOP HIM WITH MY OWN CYBERNETICALLY DERIVED POWER.
GOSH, YOU DON'T SAY.
SO I NEED YOU. AND I WILL PLAY YOUR GAME. FOR NOW. BUT AS SOON AS THIS THREAT IS --
SCARE ME LATER, TRANSISTOR-TOP. GIVE!

RETRO-TOWN.
IT'S A CUTE NAME THE TOURIST INDUSTRY HUNG ON A PART OF TOWN THAT'S BEEN TOO POOR AND NEGLECTED TO CATCH UP TO THE 21ST CENTURY.
ABOUT THE TIME THE HUNDREDTH TOURIST GOT KILLED FOR HIS SHOES, THEY STOPPED CALLING IT ANYTHING.
THE SHAMAN'S FOLLOWERS ARE HOLDING IT NOW, AND MAYBE THAT'S AN IMPROVEMENT OVER THE USUAL.
BUT THERE MUST BE A BETTER WAY THAN THAT. MAYBE WE'LL FIND IT... AFTER I FIND HIM...
IF HE'S WHERE DRACO THINKS...

OUR LADY OF SORROWS.
AN ABANDONED CHURCH FROM RICHER DAYS, PROTECTED MORE BY LOCAL SUPERSTITION THAN THE BARBED WIRE AROUND IT.
IT USED TO BE FAMOUS FOR ITS ROSE WINDOW.
OH, WELL.
SHABAASSHH
A!

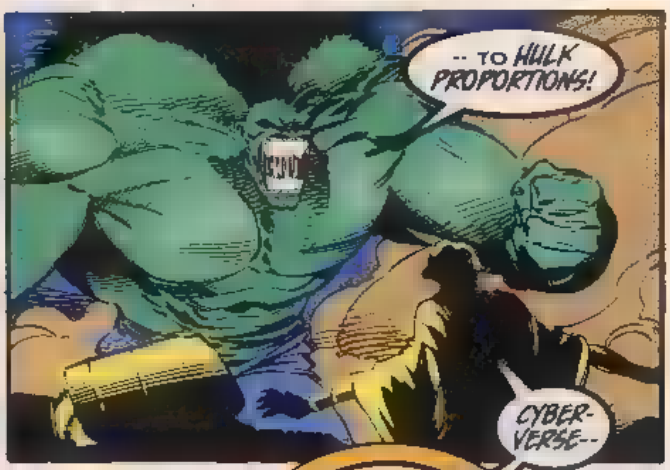
YOU?!
ALL THAT CHAOS -- FROM A WORM LIKE YOU?!
I- I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT! I'M ONLY STUDYING HERE!
PAY NO ATTENTION TO THE MAN BEHIND THE CURTAIN, huh?
SORRY, SHAMAN. NO BUY.
SHOOOOM
GLARK!
SPIRITS SAVE ME!!

KRAK
NEED MORE CYBERSPIRITS... MORE CYBER-SPIRITS...
CAN'T END NOW... A WHOLE LIFE SPENT SEEKING A NEW [redacted] DATA-AGE KILLED THE HUMAN SPIRIT...
...COMMUNING WITH THE CYBERWORLD LIKE SHAMANS OF OLD COMMUNED WITH THE SPIRIT-WORLD...
I JUST WANTED TO SET FREE THE HUMAN SOUL!
WHAT YOU SET FREE WAS A LOT OF PASSION AND RAGE, SHAMAN.


SHUMP

BUT YOU GOTTA KNOW, WHEN YOU LET THOSE OUT OF THE BOTTLE...
YOU DON'T JUST POP 'EM BACK IN!

WHAM
KRUNCH
KA BOOM
'SPECIALLY NOT WHEN YOU ENLARGE 'EM --


-- TO HULK PROPORTIONS!
CYBER-VERSE--

TAKE ME HOME!
SHAKOW

SO WHAT'S THIS MEAN? YOU DEAD, WORM?
OR DID YOU JUST JOIN YOUR "CYBERSPIRITS"? GUESS I'LL NEVER KNOW...
...IF I'M LUCKY.

CLICK
THE SYSTEMS COME BACK ON
IT'LL TAKE A WHILE FOR THE TOWN TO COME BACK
AND I DON'T PARTICULARLY LIKE EVERYTHING THAT "COMING TOGETHER" MEANS
THE CORP-BOYS AND THE CORP-GIRLS WILL BE BACK IN POWER.
DRACO WILL GET ANOTHER SHOT AT
BUT AT LEAST NOW PEOPLE LIKE THE LOTUSLANDERS WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO MAKE SOMETHING OF THIS WORLD, AND THANKS TO THEM, DRACO'S TIME WILL COME.

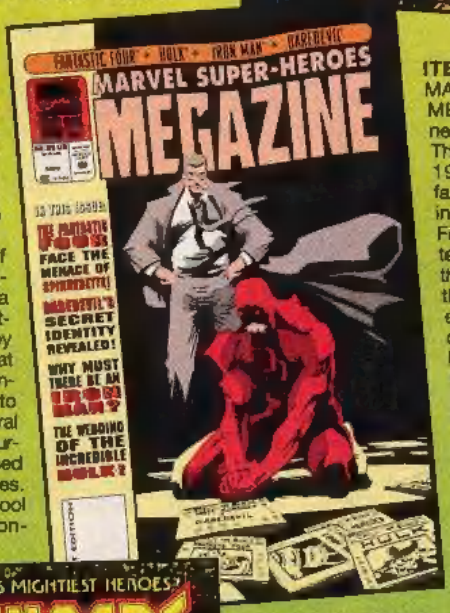
CAN'T RAISE ANY MED-TECH! ALL SYSTEMS ARE OVERLOADED!
HIS LIFE-CHAIR'S KICKING BACK IN -- BUT I DON'T KNOW HOW TO USE IT! WHAT DO WE DO?!
um... I DON'T THINK WE HAVE TO DO ANY-THING!
CLIMB ON BOARD THE GREEN-HOUND [redacted] KIDDIES.
I'M GETTING YOU BACK TO LOTUS-LAND NOW BEFORE DRACO CAN PULL ANY CUTE STUNTS!
"SO IT LOOKS LIKE THE CYBERSHAMAN WOULDN'T HAVE HAD THE SUCCESS HE DID IF WE HADN'T GIVEN HIM ACCESS TO OUR TRANSMISSION-TECH..."
LOTUSLAND '97
WE CAN'T LET THIS HAPPEN AGAIN! WE NEED REAL LEADERSHIP! REAL VISION!
THERE'S ONE LEADER WE'D ALL ACCEPT -- THE HULK!
NOT FOR ME, ZAMORA!
WE NEED [redacted] WHO KNOWS THIS BUSINESS -- WHO WAS HIGHLY PLACED IN THE OLD ADMINISTRATION AND [redacted] PART OF THE INNER CIRCLE [redacted] --
OKAY. I'VE FINALLY HAD SOME SENSE BEATEN INTO ME! KEISHA'S RIGHT!
WHY, THANK YOU, MISTER ZAMORA! IN THAT CASE, I'LL BE HONORED TO SERVE AS --

MARVEL COMICS

ITEM! **Tom Danning** is the editor of our two MARVEL ACTION HOUR comics (based on the smash TV series) but he's also having plenty of action hours at home these days! Only the kind of action Tom's engaged in involves changing diapers and singing lullabies! On October 21 of last year, Tom's lovely wife, **Robin**, gave birth to a very animated baby girl named **Emily Grace**! Tom noted that little Emily is already a "big fan of the MARVEL ACTION HOUR! Every Sunday morning, I sit her on my knee and we watch it together. Then I act like the Mandarin and it scares the heck out of her!"

Next week will see the arrival of MARVEL ACTION HOUR: THE FANTASTIC FOUR #5, which concludes a three-part Sub-Mariner mini-epic written by **Joey Cavalieri** and drawn by **Quique Alcatena.** Tom revealed that the plot involves "the Sub-Mariner joining forces with the Fantastic Four to defeat a renegade Atlantean, General Krang, who is planning to attack the surface world." The story is loosely based on the old Lee/Kirby classic FF stories. Tom noted that the issue features "cool Atlantean warships, lots of sea monsters, and great Alcatena artwork!"

Also due next week is MARVEL ACTION HOUR: IRON MAN #5, which begins a three-part origins saga. According to Tom, "The origin of Iron Man is retold, in a slightly different fashion from the Marvel Universe version. We show how Tony Stark and the Mandarin's pasts are linked together." As if that wasn't enough, the issue features everybody's favorite savage dragon, Fin Fang Foom! Tom raved, "The pencils by **Anthony Williams** look fantastic!"


MARVEL SUPER-HEROES
MEGAZINE
THE FANTASTIC FOUR FACE THE MENACE OF SPIDERCIDE!
DAREDEVIL'S SECRET IDENTITY REVEALED!
WHY MUST THERE BE AN IRON MAN?
THE WEDDING OF THE INCREDIBLE HULK?

ITEM! The final issue of MARVEL SUPERHEROES MEGAZINE goes on sale next week, and it's a doozy! The issue reprints classic 1980s stories of your favorite Marvel heroes — including Hulk, Fantastic Four, and Iron Man — written and drawn by some of the greatest superstars in the business! Assistant editor **Glen Greenberg** commented, "It's the best last issue you'll ever see! It has a terrific **Scott McDaniel** cover, featuring Daredevil the way you like him!"

ITEM! Big changes are in store for Ant-Man in the pages of FANTASTIC FOUR UNLIMITED #9. Writer **Roy Thomas** explained, "Ant-Man gets mutated by one of the High Evolutionary's old machines which was left under the city, and he turns into this evil mutated creature with super-insect powers!" Among Ant-Man's new abilities: the power to mutate other insects into vicious killers which only he can control! The issue guest-stars the Mighty Thor and his new pals, the God Pack! The art for FANTASTIC FOUR UNLIMITED #9 is provided by good ol' **Herb Trimpe.** Roy urged fans to pick up the issue, to see Ant-Man utilizing his "strange new powers," as he attempts "to conquer first, the city of New York, and then, the world!"

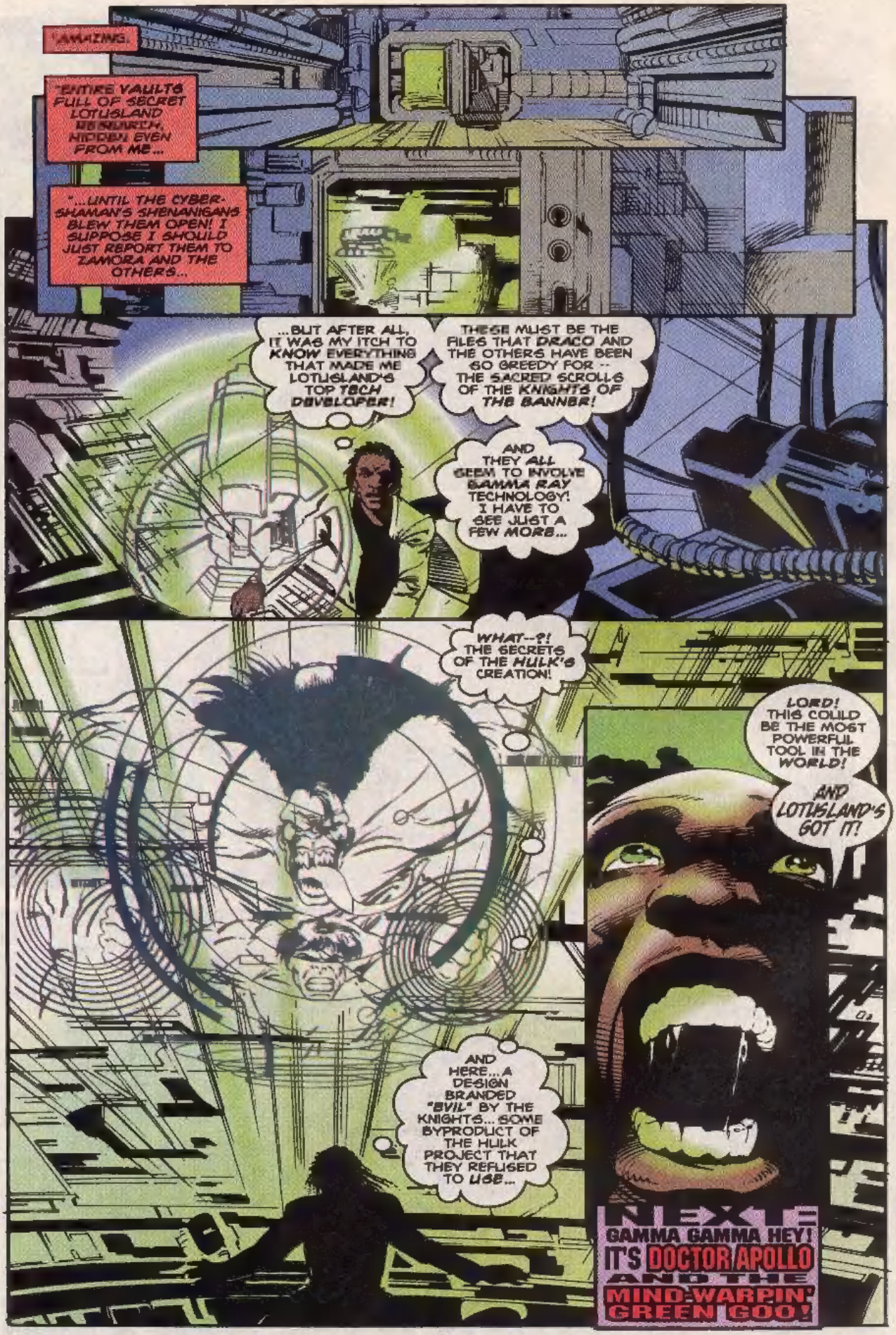
ITEM! AVENGERS #384 is the culmination of Hera's horrendous plot against Hercules. The issue is brought to you by the regular creative team of writer **Bob Harras**, penciler **Mike Deodato**, and inker **Tom Palmer**. Assistant editor **Matt Idelson** vowed that the issue "will bring tears to your eyes. Seriously! You'll believe that a half-god can cry!" Matt pointed out that this issue "sets into motion the big AVENGERS event for this year. This is the year of the Avengers, and it's gonna be cool!"

ITEM! Also on sale next week: AVENGERS #4 MARVEL MILESTONE with the unforgettable return of Captain America and MARVEL SPOTLIGHT ON CAPTAIN AMERICA #3!

STILL ON SALE

- **CAPTAIN AMERICA #437:** While Cap's in a coma, **Free Spirit** and **Jack Flag** take over! By Gruenwald/Hoover/Butanadi!
- **DARKHAWK #49: Overturwrk** goes overboard! More trouble for our overworked hero! By Fingeroth/Smith/Akin!
- **FANTASTIC FORCE #5: Huntara** hunts **Dreadface!** He's an easy guy to find! By Brevoort & Kanterovich/Bastianoni/Cabera!
- **FORCE WORKS #9:** Say g'day to **Dreamguard** — he's the Aussie super hero, mate! By Abnett & Lanning/Calafiore/Garcia!
- **MARVEL COMICS PRESENTS #175:** The final presentation! With **Sasi Raven, Vengeance, Lunatik,** and more!
- **NAMOR #60:** It's a bloodbath as Namor and Andromeda confront **Bloodaxe** and **Blood Wraith!** By Herding/Isherwood!
- **BLACKWULF #9:** When in New York, make sure you visit **Daredevil!** By Herding/Medina/Anderson!
- **GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY #57:** The Keeper reveals the fate of **Galactus!** By Gallagher/West/Montano!
- **SECRET DEFENDERS #24:** Featuring a clash with the original Defenders! By Brevoort & Kanterovich/Wylie & Bair/DeZuniga!
- **SILVER SABLE #33:** Hammered by **Hammerhead!** By Wright/Purcell/Eklund!
- **WAR MACHINE #11:** Anything can happen at the office Christmas party! By Kaminski & Benson/Senior/Eklund!
- **FANTASTIC FOUR # 397:** Someone is resurrected! But it's not who you think! By DeFalco/Ryan/Butanadi!
- **IRON MAN #313:** Tony hosts an Alcoholics Anonymous party on New Year's Eve! By Kaminski/Morgan!
- **OFFICIAL INDEX TO THE AVENGERS #5 OF #6:** It's Avengeriffic! By Ward!
- **SILVER SURFER #101:** Surf catches **Shalla Bal** in the arms of a shocking suitor! By Marz/Phillips/Martin!
- **THOR #483: Loki** wants to kill Thor! Talk about sibling rivalry! By Thomas/Wyman!
- **THUNDERSTRIKE #17:** Thundy's greatest foe is back! No, it's not Carjack! By DeFalco/Frenz/Milgrom!
- **THE VISION #4:** Someone is toying with the Vision's emotions! But who? By Harras/Clark/Vey & Machlan!
- **MARVEL ACTION HOUR: FANTASTIC FOUR #4:** Atlantis attacks! By Cavalieri/Alcatena!
- **MARVEL SUPER HEROES MEGAZINE #5:** All John Byrne issue! By Byrne/Byrne/Various!
- **WARLOCK & THE INFINITY WATCH #37: Firelord's** soul has been stolen! By Arcudi/Olliffe/Williams!

NO, KEISHA -- THANK YOU! FOR MAKING ME SEE THAT IT'S TIME I FOUND THE GUTS TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE REBELLION I LED!
THANKS FOR MAKING A LEADER OUT OF ME!
'BOUT TIME, ZAM.
YOU'LL BE GREAT! YOU'LL AMAZE YOURSELF! AND I WANT TO BE HERE TO HELP YOU!
BUT... BUT...
HOW ABOUT A STAFF JOB, QUIRK? DOING MUSIC FOR OUR PRODUCTIONS! LA MUSICA ES LA VERIDAD, Y'KNOW.
"MUSIC IS TRUTH," huh? I'LL PAINT IT ON MY OFFICE DOOR!
WE'LL BE A GREAT TEAM, QUERIDA. AND I DARE ANYBODY TO HAVE A PROBLEM WITH IT!


"AMAZING.
"ENTIRE VAULTS FULL OF SECRET LOTUSLAND RESEARCH, HIDDEN EVEN FROM ME...
"...UNTIL THE CYBER-SHAMAN'S SHENANIGANS BLEW THEM OPEN! I SUPPOSE I SHOULD JUST REPORT THEM TO ZAMORA AND THE OTHERS...
...BUT AFTER ALL, IT WAS MY ITCH TO *KNOW* EVERYTHING THAT MADE ME LOTUSLAND'S TOP *TECH DEVELOPER!*
THESE MUST BE THE FILES THAT *DRACO* AND THE OTHERS HAVE BEEN SO GREEDY FOR -- THE SACRED SCROLLS OF THE *KNIGHTS OF THE BANNER!*
AND THEY *ALL* SEEM TO INVOLVE *GAMMA RAY* TECHNOLOGY! I HAVE TO SEE JUST A FEW *MORE...*
WHAT--?! THE SECRETS OF THE *HULK'S* CREATION!
AND HERE...A DESIGN BRANDED *"EVIL"* BY THE KNIGHTS... SOME BYPRODUCT OF THE HULK PROJECT THAT THEY REFUSED TO *USE...*
LORD! THIS COULD BE THE MOST POWERFUL TOOL IN THE *WORLD!*
AND LOTUSLAND'S GOT IT!
NEXT
GAMMA GAMMA HEY!
IT'S DOCTOR APOLLO AND THE MIND-WARPIN' GREEN GOO!

TONGUE LASHINGS

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Out Of My Head

It's a New Year, and I have a New Attitude, suffused with holiday spirit! Unfortunately, that holiday is Guy Fawkes Day. In that vein, here's A HOLIDAY POME. Ahet-ahem...

**Nothing is completely encrypted.
Time reveals your buried reasons intact. Arousing new suspicions only manufactures enemies, paranoia, alienation, loss.**

Yet, omniscient understanding alone resolves everything.

Sentimental softie, that's me.

Dear Joey,

The Hulk 2099 is awesome! Let me be the first to congratulate you, Gerry, Malcolm, Chris, Comicraft, Tom, Joey, Lia, Mr. DeFalco, and everyone else involved in the production of the latest and greatest entry into the 2099 Universe. Marvel has another huge hit on its hands thanks to you guys.

I was really skeptical about the Hulk 2099 at first. I'm not a big fan of the present day Hulk, and I didn't believe it was possible to create a 2099 counterpart that would do justice to the original. I was wrong. The Hulk 2099 is indeed a new and unique creation that also manages to capture much of the spirit found in his predecessor.

This comic is appealing for a number of reasons. Visually, the Hulk is great, big, muscular, and scary. I enjoy watching him from panel to panel. Also the character's personality is new and refreshing. He definitely doesn't fall into the "normal" superhero mentality. The Hulk 2099 thinks and acts in an interesting way that hasn't been deeply explored in comics. Gerry puts a new twist on the Dr. Jekyll/Mr. Hyde bit. There are great supporting characters, a wonderfully designed world, and cool villains that help make this comic a cut above the rest.

1. How strong is the Hulk 2099 (in tons)? Is he stronger than the present-day Hulk? Does his strength increase with anger? 2. How tall (in feet) and how heavy (in pounds) is Hulk 2099? Also, please consider creating the Leader 2099 and Abomination 2099. These are two great Hulk villains that should see the future.

Until the Hulk 2099 goes to the dentist, Make Mine Marvel.

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We prefer to answer statistical questions situationally, Mike, as opportunities for story ideas. We figure if enough other fans want the answer to these questions, maybe they'll wanna see a story that deals with 'em.

Dear Tongue Lashings,

What a great first issue. The art was fantastic! Where can I look for the first appearances of Hulk 2099? Will there be a chance of Hulk taking on Ravage or even Ghost Rider 2099? What are the bumps on the Hulk's back? Is your comic weekly or monthly? A 2099 fan 'til the end....

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You can find the first six stories in 2099 UNLIMITED, where it all began. Hulk may meet with Ravage or Ghost Rider in the near future, Cory. As for the bumps, they're part of the result of his exposure to gamma radiation! The Hulk 2099's monthly. Weekly'd be too much gamma radiation exposure even for us!

Dear Tongue Lashings,

To begin, I'd like to say "Thank you for pushy comic salesmen!" If it weren't for the likes of them, I'd never have gotten my grubby mitts on my copy of HULK 2099 #1.

I bought it begrudgingly (I know, I know, I've had myself duly thrashed) and put it to the bottom of the pile, just above some bat-person book.

When I finally read it, I finished the last page and turned straight back to the beginning. Whoa! What a ride! Yeah, I thought it was shockin' magic (I still haven't read that bat book yet)!

I loved the way you retraced your steps to show those who don't read 2099 UNLIMITED (like myself) the origin of the future version of ol' Jade Jaws without slowing the pace of the story or losing my interest.

I have one request to Gerard Jones: please don't fall into the trap where the stories are just a flow of pointless fights and give this series a definite direction (which I'm sure he will).

I am all for:

•Both Hulks teaming up or even clashing sometime in the future.

•Another mega crossover, including Ghost Rider 2099 and Hulk 2099.

•The new mean, green guy's poster debut.

You've done a great job convincing me to add this title to my collection every month.

May this series run for longer than its' predecessor! Until this new Hulk gets a date, Make Mine Marvel.

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Glad we made a believer of you, Rob, and we're working hard to make sure you stay one. Hulk 2099 may meet some futuristic X-Men this year. Gerry Jones and John Moore put their heads together at 2099 Writers' Conference III for just such a purpose. The Hulk 2099 poster (of our second ish's gorgeous cover by Adam Kubert and Kevin Nowlan) is in stores now! As for a meeting of the Green Giants, no plans so far, but here's another opinion about it...

Dear Joey & Co.,

My guess for which pages were given the Fawn Hall treatment and redone are 7, 8 & 10 (that is if you count the ads as 6 & 9). But don't be too upset, you and your crew still put out a high quality book.

Should I actually be wrong or not one of the fortunate three, would you consider, in exchange for those items mentioned, my first born son (also named Joey) or my grandmother's eternal soul? Actually, I'm just kidding about my grandmother.

Oh, and how long till 2099 action figures?

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Never mind your grandmother's soul, Brad, just get her to buy the book. As for action figures, prototypes for X-Men 2099 figures are being created at this very moment!

HULK 2099 FAQs
(Frequently Asked Questions)

1. Unless you're Tim Valdivia, Rem Camacho or Len Rivera, you didn't win the contest.
2. Green. G-R-E-E-N. Green.
3. Really, really big tastebuds.

NEXT ISSUE

Think the Hulk can't get any uglier? Like heck, he can't! The effects of gamma radiation on other members of our cast...and a 2-page map of L.A. 2099! Some deal!